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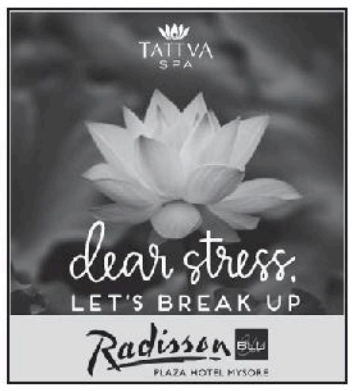

Weekend curfew to be scrapped?

CM to hold meeting with DCs of 18 districts with high test positivity rate at 4 pm today

Bengaluru, Jan. 18 (KMS & BCT)- Amidst growing opposition from the hospitality industry and a majority of businessmen over the imposition of weekend curfew till Jan. 31, the State Government is likely to lift the restrictions. A final decision will be announced on Friday, Jan. 21.

Reports from Bengaluru today said that as many Ministers and MLAs even from the ruling BJP are severely opposing the weekend curfew, the Government may retain the night curfew and scrap the weekend lockdown.

Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai is holding a virtual meeting at 4 pm today with the Deputy Commissioners of 18 districts including Mysuru and Kodagu where the test positivity rate is high. District Health Officers and Zilla Panchayat CEOs too will be a part of the meeting where inputs from the districts will be taken to arrive at a final decision.

Sources said the Government has decided to reduce the number of tests. In many States including New Delhi, testing has been reduced and this is one of the main reasons behind the reduced number of COVID-19 cases. This decision has been taken as persons with common flu and cold too are testing positive. People are getting panicky even in case of milder infections.

(See CURFEW on page 7)

Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai and Health Minister Dr. K. Sudhakar during the virtual meeting on COVID-19 issues in Bengaluru yesterday.

Dr. Kambar's wife passes away

Sathyabhama Kambar

Bengaluru, Jan. 18- Sathyabhama Kambar (76), wife of litterateur and *Jnanpith* awardee Dr. Chandrashekar Kambar, passed away at Jayadeva Hospital this morning following heart related ailments. She was admitted to the hospital on Jan. 3.

She leaves behind her husband and four children.

The body has been kept at her residence 'Siri Sampige' in Kathriguppe for the public to pay their last respects.

Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai and others have condoled her death.

Stray dog menace: MCC spending Rs. 3.40 lakh per month to neuter 400 dogs

Mysuru, Jan. 18 (RKB&BCT)- While residents of the city are an annoyed lot as they have to bear stray dog nuisance, especially with continuous barking and often obstructing vehicular movement during peak hours, the Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) has claimed that it spends Rs. 3,40,000 per month to sterilise over 300 to 400 dogs.

Along with stray dogs, pigs too roam all over and there is no mechanism to control the menace. Owners just let out their pigs in the open and this contributes to the spread of communicable and non-communicable diseases.

The MCC Council meeting held yesterday elaborately discussed the issue where Corporators alleged that it is a clear case of lethargy where the authorities are moving slowly in sterilising dogs. Despite tall claims of sterilisation, the dog population has doubled and tripled over the years. Sterilisation drives should be taken up at regular intervals, they demanded.

Responding to this, MCC Health Officer Dr. D.G. Nagaraj said that the dog sterilisation process is being carried out with the support of NGOs and every month over 300 to 400 dogs are being neutered and Rs. 850 is being paid to sterilise one dog, he said. He added that the strays caught by the MCC personnel are also handed over to the NGOs for neutering and releasing them in their respective areas. Intervening, Corporators questioned that if 400 dogs are sterilised every month and the MCC spending Rs. 3,40,000 per month, then why the menace has not reduced and has only increased.

Corporator K.V. Sridhar said that an investigation must be launched on how the sterilisation money is being spent and how effectively the MCC is able to control the stray dog menace.

"MCC teams catch stray dogs using the Corporation vehicles and these dogs are handed over to the NGOs. But why Rs. 850 is paid for a job that is done by the Corporation staff," he questioned.

Former Mayor Ayub Khan demanded that a committee be constituted to probe this issue and check for misappropriation of funds.

MCC Commissioner G. Lakshmikantha Reddy said that special drives will be carried out in the next one month to control the stray dog menace.

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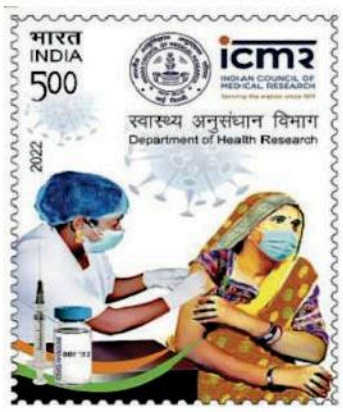
"We believe comment is free, but facts are sacred."

Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Tuesday 18th January 2022

Postal stamp released to mark 1 year of vaccination drive

New Delhi, Jan. 18 (UNI) - Union Health Minister Mansukh Mandaviya on Sunday (Jan. 16) released a postal stamp to mark one year of India's vaccination drive and said it is a 'remarkable' example of 'Aatmanirbhar Bharat' (self-reliant India).



The commemorative stamp features a healthcare worker inoculating a senior citizen with COVID vaccine, along with an image of 'COVAXIN' vial. It signifies the remarkable work done by frontline healthcare workers and scientific community across the country in protecting the people against the Coronavirus pandemic.

Speaking on the occasion, Mandaviya said, "This is a historic occasion for us. Within a span of one year, we have administered more than 156 crore COVID-19 vaccine doses. Our vaccination programme is in fact a role model for the global community."

The Health Minister expressed his gratitude to all the healthcare professionals, scientific community, vaccine manufacturers and all people for their relentless hardwork and dedication in fighting the Coronavirus pandemic.

"India's vaccination drive is indeed an example of what India can achieve if citizens come together in the spirit of 'jan bhagidari' (people's participation) as remarked by Prime Minister Narendra Modi," Mandaviya said.

Amid the environment of criticism and disbelief, the country gathered its spirits and worked against those who wanted to spread doubts and misinformation against indigenous vaccines and create vaccine hesitancy, he added.

"Earlier, the process of vaccine research to vaccine availability for common people took several years but it was the visionary leadership of PM that it could be achieved in just nine months. Our PM has always encouraged our scientific fraternity and development of indigenous COVID vaccines in record time is an outcome of his strong belief," Mandaviya said.

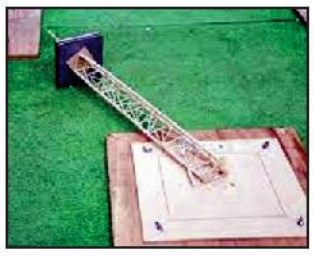
EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

From 1881 when India conducted its first full Census to 2011 when it conducted its last decennial census, the exercise had never been deferred. But 2021's exercise was postponed citing the COVID-19 pandemic and latest reports suggest that it may not be taken up even in the first half of 2022. The unanswered question is, if votes can be cast and counted 'safely' never mind Delta or Omicron, why does the census continue to be delayed? After all, it is far more amenable to masks, social distancing and innovative COVID-19 safety protocols.

Good data is critical to good policy-making. But even though both quantity and quality of data leave a lot to be desired in India, the continuing postponement of the census underlines that it is placed far back in the list of priorities, unlike say mass political rallies or cheek-by-jowl religious gatherings and bazaars. Policy planning, budgeting and administration all have suboptimal outcomes when they are based on outdated data. Census 2021 enumeration should not be delayed any further. — *In The Times of India*

NEWS SPARKLERS

Quake-resistant toothpick towers contest



Tokyo: A Japanese engineering university in Kumamoto is famous for holding a unique competition, challenging students to build toothpick towers that can resist a simulated earthquake.

The toothpick tower competition was a hit from its very first edition, and since 2011, Sojo University has also hosted contests between teams of high-school students, with the aim of raising the interest of high school students in the manufacturing and design of earthquake-resistant buildings.

The toothpick towers must be at least 50 centimetres tall and weigh less than 65 grams. They are glued to their respective wooden boards as not to slide off when the platform starts to vibrate.

Researchers train goldfish to drive

Israel: Israeli researchers have found that the Goldfishes are capable of navigating on land, after training fish to drive. The team at Ben-Gurion University developed an FOV – a fish-operated vehicle. The robotic car is fitted with lidar, a remote sensing technology that uses pulsed laser light to collect data on the vehicle's ground location and the fish's whereabouts inside a mounted water tank.

A computer, camera, electric motors and omni-wheels give the fish control of the vehicle. "Surprisingly, it doesn't take the fish a long time to learn how to drive the vehicle. They're confused at first, but they're very quick to realise that there is a correlation between their movement and the movement of the machine that they're in," said researcher Shachar Givon.

Six goldfish, each receiving around 10 driving lessons, took part in the study. Each time one of them reached a target set by the researchers, it was rewarded with food.

HEALTH CAPSULE

Eating the right food

Eating a healthy and well-balanced diet is one of the most important things to boost your immunity. Try to include whole foods and fruits in your diet. Avoid taking a large amount of salt, sugar, or processed foods

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LIFE'S ON

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NHRC Advisory on Leprosy Patients

States asked to give report within three months

New Delhi, Jan. 18 (UNI)- The National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) has issued an Advisory to the Centre and States calling for timely identification, treatment and ending of discrimination against leprosy affected persons and called for a report within three months.

The Advisory to the Secretary of the Union Health Ministry and Chief Secretary of all States and Union Territories observed that with advances in medicine, leprosy is fully curable. However, India still accounts for 57 percent of the global leprosy caseload and most patients live in deplorable conditions. They also suffer from serious discrimination, it added.

The NHRC Advisory said that no person suffering from leprosy or any of his family members should be discriminated against and denied any right to healthcare, employment, education and land rights.

The National Human Rights Commission has called for special programmes to provide vocational training, employment benefit, unemployment benefits, parental leave, health insurance and funeral benefits to those affected by leprosy and their families.

REALLY...?

- ***India provides safety for more than 3,00,000 refugees originally from Sri Lanka, Tibet, Bhutan, Afghanistan and Bangladesh, who escaped to flee religious and political persecution.***
- ***His Holiness, the Dalai Lama, the exiled spiritual leader of Tibetan Buddhists, runs his Government in exile from Dharamshala in Northern India.***

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

A librarian said to a man asking for a thriller: I can recommend you this book. It is a hair-raising story. 'No use to me,' said the reader, 'I'm bald-headed!!'

TODAY'S CURRENCY RATE

1 US Dollar	= Rs. 74.39
1 UK Pound	= Rs. 101.44
1 UAE Dirham	= Rs. 20.25
1 Euro	= Rs. 84.80

COVID-19 UPDATE - MYSURU

	JANUARY 16	JANUARY 17
Day's Positive Cases	1,892	1,770
Total Positive Cases	1,86,844	1,88,614
Day's Discharges	255	232
Total Discharges	1,78,806	1,79,038
Day's Deaths	1	0
Total Deaths	2,435	2,435
Total Active Cases	5,603	7,141

NOTE: Figures as per Government Media Bulletin

VOICE OF THE READER

Bad Road to Worst Road !

Sir,

Udayaravi Main Road in Kuvempunagar, about a kilometre stretch from Kavitha Departmental Stores on Paduvana Road, is in a very bad condition. The road was not relayed with tar for more than a decade. It is filled with potholes and craters. This is the route I usually commute to reach my office, as it is the main road connecting Kuvempunagar and T.K. Layout.

Now, it has become impossible to negotiate the craters on the road. Apart from damaging the vehicle, it also damages the backbone of the rider. Moreover, there is a Health Centre, a reputed hospital and a few shops on the same road. The sick people, who need to visit these centres, will have to pass through this bumpy road.

Hence, I request the concerned Department of Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) to depute their representative to inspect and take appropriate action. I also request the elected representative of the area to visit and recommend quicker action.

— P.C. Nayak
T.K. Layout
31.12.2021

CII to host Annual IT/ITES Conference-2022 tomorrow

Virtual Session on the theme "Accelerated Digital Transformation"

Mysuru, Jan. 18- The Confederation of Indian Industry (CII), Mysore, IT/ITES Panel is hosting the Annual IT Conference-2022 with the theme "Accelerated Digital Transformation" on Jan.19 through a virtual platform between 10 am and 5 pm.

The objective of the conference is to help companies to understand the Impact of the Accelerated Digital Transformation and how Government and Industry are playing their roles to use the Digital Transformation in the post pandemic new normal.

The discussions will focus on: **1)** How Policy-makers from Governments who play a critical role in shaping policies which affect IT sector; **2)** To understand the Role of 'Cloud in the Digital transformation' and the impact of Cyber Security in the 'digital transformed world' from the leading IT industry experts; **3)** How to 'create and scaleup the digital talent supply chain through a panel of experts from academia, HR, Government and L&D department of IT industry; **4)** How successful startup founders in B2C e-commerce space are accelerating their growth via transformation initiatives; **5)** How large-scale Government digital transformation projects, such as CoWIN, Bhoomi, etc. planned and delivered large scale digital population based transformation projects.

The key speakers of the Conference are: Yaduveer Krishnadatta Chamaraja Wadiyar, Kris Gopalakrishnan, Past President, CII & Chairman, Axilor Ventures & Co-Founder, Infosys Ltd; C.N. Meena Nagaraj, IAS, Managing Director, KITS & KTECH & Director - IT/BT, Department of IT/BT & Science & Technology, Government of Karnataka; Dr. R. Balasubramaniam, Development Scholar, Founder and Chairman, SVYM; Dr. M. S. Vijayaraghavan, Former Advisor to PMO, Government of India; Sanjeev Gupta, CEO and MD of LAHARI & CEO, KDEM; Shaji Mathew, Past Chairman, CII Mysore & EVP & Head of Mysore Development Centre & Global Head Delivery - FSHIL, Infosys; Pavan G. Ranga, Chairman, CII Mysuru & CEO, Rangsons LLP; Supriya Salian, Vice-Chairperson, CII Mysuru & MD, Plansee India HPM Pvt Ltd; Rajesh Kutnikar, Convenor, IT/ITES Panel & CEO, IT Champs Software Pvt Ltd. The Conference Registration Link — *https://forms.gle/V4s2eR6LfPwMTRSr8*

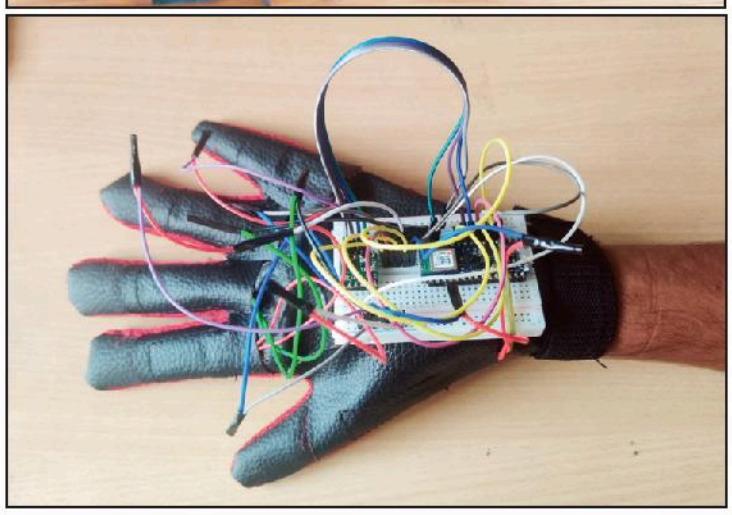
NIE students develop Speakster: A Smart Glove for Sign Language Interpretation

NIE students (standing) ***Akshay A. Ganger, L.C. Sudhanva, B.S. Karthik and Akshay V. Nayak seen with*** *(sitting)* ***Dr. K.S. Rekha, Dr. V.K. Annapurna, Dr. N.V. Raghavendra, Principal, Dr. K.R. Prakash and Dr. K.S. Nithin.***

Mysuru, Jan. 18- The 'Speakster' is a wearable pair of gloves, used to communicate between deaf-mute community and able person. The 'Speakster' tracks the movement of the hand, recognises the hand gestures and translates it into text and speech. The research of this is being done at the Mysuru-based National Institute of Engineering (NIE) including the Material and Electronics.

The project is planned in four phases. Presently, the students have completed the first phase of building the glove and the same has been proved to be able to capture the hand gesture signals and convert them to text and speech. On this concept, a paper was selected and presented in the International Conference on Future Technologies 2021 (ICOFT 2021) in Manufacturing, Automation, Design and Energy held at the National Institute of Technology, Puducherry, Karaikal, from Dec. 16 to 18, 2021. The presented paper is ranked 1st amongst the 12 selected papers in the Automation Stream, which will be published in the Springer Publication.

Prof. Bharadwaj Amrutur, Research Head and Director, ARTPARK - The Indian Institute of Science (IISc.,), appreciated the work and said "We at ARTPARK strongly feel that emerging technologies like AI and Robotics can help us solve problems that are not only unique to India but can also cater to the world. While India has a large pool of tech talent, we do not have an ecosystem to support innovations at an early stage. In order to provide guidance as well as financial assistance to college students, we launched the Innovation Grant Program last year. The innovative solution by the students of NIE, Mysuru, has made us proud and we are delighted to know that our support is helping these students to innovate and represent India on global platforms."



He said the glove prepared by NIE is more attractive and unique compared to the similar product.

ARTPARK (AI & Robotics Technology Park) is a not-for-profit (section-8) foundation promoted by IISc., Bengaluru and AI Foundry in a public-private collaborative model, to promote technology innovations in AI & Robotics. With seed funding from the Department of Science & Technology (DST), Government of India, under the National Mission on Interdisciplinary Cyber-Physical Systems (NM-ICPS) and from the Government of Karnataka, the ecosystem is designed to bring about a collaborative consortium of partners from industry, academia, and Government bodies.

Among 131 proposals submitted by various institutions, only 29 proposals were selected for funding. The 'Speakster' gloves for sign language interpretation proposal was submitted under Student Innovation Grant Programme during July 2021. An amount of Rs.1.8 lakh for the execution of the project and a monthly stipend of Rs.10,000 for each UG student is awarded by ARTPARK, IISc.

The project is executed by NIE students Akshay V. Nayak, B.S. Karthik, L.C. Sudhanva, and Akshay A. Ganger, 7th semester, Computer Science & Engineering Department and mentored by Dr. K.R. Prakash, Head, Centre for Automation and Robotics, Professor, Department of Mechanical Engineering, Dr. K.S. Rekha, Associate Professor, Department of Computer Science & Engineering, NIE and Dr. Ipsita Biswas Mahapatra, Lead - Academic Initiatives, ARTPARK, IISc.

The project work is supported by NIE Management, Dr. N.V. Raghavendra, Principal, Dr. V.K. Annapurna, Professor & Head, Department of Computer Science & Engineering and Dr. K.S. Nithin, Assistant Professor, Department of Chemistry, NIE.

NEWS BRIEFS

Entries invited

The Mysuru District Chutuku Sahitya Parishat, in association with Koustubha Prakashana, has proposed to bring out a memorial volume containing limericks on the life, achievements and societal service of late actor Puneeth Rajkumar, for which it has invited entries from Limerick writers. The limericks should not exceed four lines and the entries should reach the following address by Feb. 2, 2022: Rathna Halappagowda, Koustubha Prakashana, No.596, 4th Main, 9th Cross, E and F Block, Ramakrishnanagar, Mysuru-22. For details, call Mob: 98863-44524.

Govt. to appoint over 1,700 school teachers

Setting in motion teacher recruitment, the State Government has given a nod for appointment of 1,727 High School teachers. The Department of Public Instruction has issued an order for appointment of teachers, Associate teachers and Physical Education teachers, including filling up of vacancies in Government High Schools, Adarsha Vidyalaya and RMSA Schools. The Department has directed to take up recruitment in accordance with Cadre and Recruitment rules.

Ph.D awardee

V. Deepa has been awarded Ph.D

in Management by the University of Mysore for her thesis 'Consumer Awareness and Market Potential for Ayurvedic Skin Care Products' [Guide: Dr. K.B. Nalina].

73-year-old man confronts a knife-wielding thief, chases him away

Family recalls the horror in Kodagu Estate house

Ponnampet, Jan. 18 (BCT)- Who says age matters? In a rare display of bravery and grit, an elderly couple fought off a knife-wielding robber in South Kodagu. Despite repeated attempts by the robber to harm them, the elderly couple put up a brave fight throughout, protecting themselves and attacking the miscreant, driving him away from their house. In the scuffle, the elderly man sustained a deep gash wound inflicted by the assailant.

Now, the assaulter (whose name is not yet revealed by the Police) who according to the Police is a drug addict, has been arrested and the family is waiting for justice to be delivered. The incident occurred at Nalkeri village in South Kodagu at the estate house of Sullimada Gopal Thimmaiah, a coffee planter and former President of Ponnampet Kodava Samaja. He is also serving as one of the Directors of Coorg Institute of Technology, Ponnampet.

Gopal is a prominent personality in South Kodagu and is actively involved in social work. The attack on him shocked all those who knew him and people living in nearby areas. Recalling the incident, Gopal and his family regretted how drugs can spoil a young man who is educated and who took to crime to fulfil his vices.

On Dec. 28, 2021 afternoon, Gopal and his wife Parvathi had returned home after attending a death ceremony. After lunch, Gopal headed to his room with a newspaper and Parvathi sat on the dining table to read as it is their routine before taking rest. Their house is located on the Nalkeri-Srimangala Road and has two gates, one towards the road and the other near the house.

That day, both the gates were open as the family had gone out. The assailant entered the compound and reached the portico of the house. He barged into the house and crossed the hall. On seeing Parvathi on the dining table, he flashed his shining sharp '7'-shaped (curved) knife and signalled her to be quiet with one of his fingers on his lips.

A shocked Parvathi called Gopal out and he rushed out of his bedroom. Gopal asked him who he was and the robber again flashed the knife and signalled him to be quiet. Gopal picked up an old cane that is usually kept at a corner and beat the robber. Both fought with each other and as the assailant resisted, Gopal asked his wife to get a gun.

Gusty couple fights back

Sensing trouble, the assaulter continued to push around Gopal and the latter, though 73 years old, fought with determination. After pushing Gopal down, the robber attacked Parvathi, who is 71, and Gopal rushed to her rescue. This went on for over 15 minutes and the couple refused to be cowed down.

The couple managed to push the armed robber out of the house, across three rooms. Outside too, the robber pushed Gopal and swung his knife in a cross direction. The sharp weapon cut Gopal's wrist and caused a deep gash. "Seeing the blood, I got scared and my wife told the robber that she would give the money and asked him to go out. The assailant just uttered three words: *'gaaya'* (wound), *'raktha'* (blood) and *'duddu'* (money). He later walked out of the gate as if nothing had happened," Gopal told *Star of Mysore*.

Gopal managed to contact his brother's son Col. Dilan Bheemaiah, who is a doctor and who had come to the village on leave and took first-aid before being hospitalised where the wounds were sutured. Hearing the news, Gopal's elder son S.T. Ponnappa, an engineer who works in Bengaluru, contacted his cousins and neighbours in Kodagu and they rushed to Gopal's house.

"The assailant was wearing a full face mask and also hand gloves. As such, his fingerprints were not available. The Police had even got the dog squad but as many people had already moved inside the house, the canines could not catch the culprit's scent. The Police teams acted quickly and arrested the assailant. He was brought to my house and though the Police did not show his face, my wife and I recognised him the moment we saw his eyes," Gopal said. All his physical features matched.

Setting an example

Gopal's son Ponnappa said he was happy that his elderly parents managed to fight off an armed criminal. "It is a big achievement and would not be possible in any common incident. My parents fought and their lives were saved. The robber's intention was foiled and ultimately he was caught. If he was not resisted, he would continue his robbing spree. I feel that no one should fear. Age is just a number and if you want to fight you can fight at any age and my parents have proved it," he said.

Soon after the incident, fear psychosis gripped the village and no one was ready to come out of their homes, fearing attacks. "Even our family feared another attack. Fortunately, he was arrested and I am sure the Police would ensure that he is punished. Dy.SP Jayakumar and Inspector Manjappa have handled the case well. We have faith in the system and in fact, my dad's brother late S.P. Kushalappa retired as ACP," Ponnappa said.

Drugs influencing youth

Looking back at the crime, Gopal Thimmaiah said that it was sad that some youths in Kodagu were getting into drugs and to fulfil their vices, they are taking to crime. "The assailant is educated and he could have got into any profession to lead a decent life. Instead, drugs forced him to take this path and he has ruined his life. It is a sad development for society," he rued.

WATER LEVEL

KRS DAM			
Maximum	:	124.80	feet
Today	:	122.28	feet
Yesterday	:	122.46	feet
Inflow	:	1,329	cusecs
Outflow	:	3,931	cusecs

KABINI DAM			
Maximum	:	2,284.00	feet
Today	:	2,282.88	feet
Inflow	:	261	cusecs
Outflow	:	400	cusecs

HARANGI DAM			
Maximum	:	2,859.00	feet
Today	:	2,856.23	feet
Inflow	:	310	cusecs
Outflow	:	50	cusecs

KSRTC's city, rural units to merge

Transport Corporation to cut flab; turn smarter with efficient operations

Mysuru, Jan. 18 (MTY, SPN & BCT)- Very soon you will not see a separate Mysuru Urban (City) and Mysuru Rural Divisions of the Karnataka State Road Transport Corporation (KSRTC) as they will be merged into one entity to cut mounting losses and to bring in efficiency in operation, maintenance and staffing.

This merger is a part of restructuring the operations and a decision to this effect was taken on Dec. 28 at KSRTC Board meeting held in the Bengaluru Head Office. Once the merger takes effect, the divisions will operate as one unit and will be trimmed to need-based operations and staff.

All the excess staff of the merged units will be redeployed in other divisions of the KSRTC where there is a scarcity of manpower.

Confirming this development, KSRTC Chairman Chandrappa told *Star of Mysore* that every year, the twin divisions in Mysuru would invariably incur a loss of Rs. 50 crore to Rs. 100 crore.

"We have unnecessary infrastructure, depots, staff, machinery, workmen and resources and almost all the revenue would be exhausted for salaries. They will be merged to balance revenues and expenditure and to prevent losses. Henceforth, we will have only one office instead of multiple ones," he said.

Cutting excess expenditure

"While the city division has 2,500 staff, the rural division has 1,000 and once the merger is initiated, excess staff would be transferred to other divisions where there is a need of manpower and machines and we have to cut flab. The staff include drivers, conductors, mechanics, TC and others," he added.

Many buildings will become redundant after the merger and the KSRTC is planning to rent them out to increase revenue. "However, the merger will have no bearing on the existing services being provided by the rural and the urban divisions and it will result in better utilisation of staff, infrastructure and other resources," Chandrappa added.

The KSRTC Board has decided to close the Bannimantap building and some of the other buildings available with both the urban and rural units and there will be only one main workshop. All the other divisional workshops of both units will make way for rental properties so that the KSRTC earns revenue.

"As of now, the revenue comes only from tickets and the Corporation is planning to augment rental revenue to increase profits," he added.

There will be some visible changes in the buses that will henceforth sport KSRTC banners instead of the 'Nagara Sarige' (city service) and the latter will be written in small. There will be no change in service schedules, rather all services will be optimised and streamlined. Both the bus stands will maintain their distinct identity, he added.

61 Revenue Layouts to come under B-Khata

31,000 properties to be added to existing 1.92 lakh taxable MCC properties

Mayor Sunanda Palanetra making a point at the MCC Council meeting held at Nalwadi Krishnaraja Wadiyar Hall yesterday as Deputy Mayor Anwar Baig and MCC Commissioner G. Lakshmikantha Reddy look on. Picture right shows former Mayor Ayub Khan speaking at the meeting.

Mysuru, Jan. 18 (SBD&BCT)- Henceforth, revenue layouts beyond the limits of Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) that enjoy civic amenities like water, electricity, UGD and waste clearance will come under 'B-Khata' property tax classification.

A decision to this effect was taken at the MCC Council meeting held at Nalwadi Krishnaraja Wadiyar Hall yesterday in the post-lunch session.

Corporators and the MCC administration unanimously approved the proposal and decided to follow the Bengaluru model where the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) has the system of 'A Register' and 'B Register' (A-Khata and B-Khata) for properties within Bengaluru city limits and for properties beyond the city limits.

In all, 61 revenue layouts will come under MCC tax net and they will be entered in the B-Khata for tax purposes. The Council debated the proposal in detail before taking a decision. In the 61 revenue extensions, there are more than 31,000 properties to which the MCC was providing all civic amenities but is not getting any tax from a majority of property owners. At present, there are over 1.92 lakh taxable properties under the MCC.

The 'B-Khata' property tax will be applicable for properties that do not fall under the jurisdiction of MCC. These properties did not pay taxes despite enjoying all civic amenities from MCC. The 'A-Khata' and 'B-Khata' certify the ownership of a property for tax purposes. While the 'A-Khata' lists legal properties, 'B-Khata' lists illegal/ semi-legal properties.

While discussing the issue, former Deputy Mayor Shanthakumari said that the residents of revenue layouts were waiting for 'B-Khata' classification for 40 years and they were issued 'Holder Khata' in the past and many of them were cheated.

"All revenue layouts must be surveyed before implementing 'B-Khata' system and the MCC must not impose heavy taxes. A judicious decision has to be taken in this regard," she suggested. Shanthakumari was joined by Prema Shankaregowda who demanded that the MCC not to impose heavy taxes on 'B-Khata' holders.

Mafia in Bengaluru

Several Corporators including M.D. Nagaraj, B.V. Manjunath and former Mayor Arif Hussain expressed concern over the mafia prevalent in Bengaluru that converted 'B-Khata' to 'A-Khata' in connivance with the BBMP officials. "This mafia must not raise its ugly head in Mysuru," they said.

Several Corporators noted that though the 'B-Khata' is not equivalent to 'A-Khata', it can serve as a temporary solution for activities like sanctioning of civic amenities and can be a document for loan approvals. It is a valid legal document that helps complete a number of legal proceedings. They hoped that once the 61 layouts come under the MCC tax net, property owners will not face any legal and financial issues while transacting with their properties.

Ex-Mayor Ayub Khan, Corporators K.V. Sridhar, S.B.M. Manju, too aired their concern on the issue and demanded that the 'B-Khata' must increase the MCC revenues and must also be a convenient system for property tax payment.

MCC to discuss piped gas project on Jan. 27

Mysuru, Jan. 18 (SBD&BCT)- The ambitious project of procuring cooking gas through pipeline at home through Piped Natural Gas (PNG) that has already begun and at a time when works are on to lay pipelines and metres to houses in Hebbal, several Corporators objected to the way the project is being implemented.

A Central Government initiative and a pet project of MP Pratap Simha, it is being implemented and the first phase aims to cover 40,000 houses. As the MCC had to approve the project implementation, the MP had urged the MCC Council to introduce the topic as an additional issue in the agenda.

Simha said that as it is a people-friendly project that will lead to energy conservation, fuel efficiency and also enable cost savings, speedy approvals are needed. He said that as he had to attend the Parliamentary sessions from Jan. 31, he requested the Council to discuss the issue at its meeting held yesterday.

This was opposed by a section of Corporators led by former Mayors Arif Hussain and Ayub Khan and Works Committee Chairman Sathyaraj, who argued that as the regular agenda has not been fully discussed there is no way that topics in the additional agenda are taken up for debate. They suggested paucity of time.

Opposing the opposition, the MP said that the project has seen the light in many cities and Mysureans will be greatly benefited with the project. He said that the project will be further delayed if the MCC does not clear it and already works are in full swing.

Ruckus prevailed in the meeting when the BJP Corporators stood up to support Simha and the others objected to the move. A couple of Congress Corporators staged a boycott. Many JD(S) members too had left by then. As there was no quorum, the discussion on the gas pipeline was postponed to Jan. 27.

Ashwini Ananthu Leader of Opposition

The MCC had not elected its Leader of Opposition till now and now that the term of the Mayor Sunanda Palanetra is coming to an end, Corporator Ashwini Ananthu has been elected as the Leader of the Opposition.

Due to a series of political developments and the rivalry between alliance partners, Sunanda of the BJP was elected as a Mayor. The post of the Leader of the Opposition was kept vacant due to many political compulsions and as several Corporators competed to occupy the posts of many standing committees.

Following pressure from a section of Corporators and MP Pratap Simha, the Mayor announced yesterday that Ashwini Ananthu of the JD(S) would be the Leader of the Opposition. This led to heated arguments between the Corporators loyal to their respective parties.

Hookah bars in city limits to be closed

Mysuru, Jan. 18 (RKB&BCT)- Despite posing a great health risk to teens and youth and the Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) taking action in the past on many hookah bars by seizing equipment, many of them thrive clandestinely and operate in some cafes and hotels.

This issue was raised at the MCC's Council meeting yesterday where it was decided to ban all hookah bars. Former Mayor Ayub Khan raised the issue and said a few hookah parlours operate as part of restaurants and coffee cafes while some are standalone.

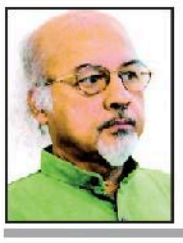
"These parlours primarily target college-goers and there are many instances where students bunk classes and sit in the hookah bars splurging money on flavours offered there and at the same time risking their health," he said.

Once addicted to the hookah bars, the students take to tobacco and then consume drugs. "These bars are spoiling the health of the society and must be banned. Gambling, hookah bars, drug consumption and drug peddling and illegal arms are all interconnected. Action at the ground level and strong laws are needed to control it," he added.

He alleged that the Police and the MCC officials were silent on many hookah bars functioning with their full knowledge and sought information from the officers on the number of hookah bars operating in Mysuru city.

Corporators Prema Shankaregowda, former Mayor Arif Hussain and Shivakumar of the ruling party demanded a blanket ban on hookah bars. Mayor Sunanda Palanetra announced that the MCC will take steps to ban all hookah bars under its jurisdiction.

A Welcome Book of Assertive History



Point of VIEW

T.J.S. George

A remarkable anthology has come out. It is misleadingly titled as "Two hundred years of English prose." The main title of the book is just as erroneous: "The Book of Indian Essays."

This book is more than just "English prose" and "Indian essays." It is an assertive history of India, outlined by some of the best thinkers of our time — from Aubrey Menen and G.V. Desani to Santha Rama Rau and Nissim Ezekiel. A statement in the blurb puts it in perspective: "A literary anthology also works as an alternative history. This volume resembles a map of middle class India's social life and aesthetic sensibilities from hybrid perspectives... The essays amuse, surprise, edify."

How can it not? Basic human nature urges people to listen to what they should not. A western source quoted approvingly by editor Arvind Krishna Mehrotra says: "Stare; pry; listen; eavesdrop. Die knowing something." It is more likely that you will live a lively life "knowing something."

The thinkers included in this anthology are among this century's most irrepressible provocateurs. Consider for example Aubrey Menen, whose second name Menen is not far removed from Menon. (Salvator Aubrey Clarence Menen was born in London and died in Trivandrum in 1989.) The Ramayana as told by Aubrey Menen was published in 1954 and remains banned in India to this day. The ban is because the unorthodox depictions of Dasaratha, of Sita-Ravana relations and of Lakshmana are considered unacceptable to the average Indian. C. Rajagopalachari described the book as "nonsense, but of the unreadable kind, that is, pure nonsense."

If ultra-conventional ideas find their space, so do unorthodox ones. Bankim Chandra Chattopadhyay examines how "English Civilisation has pulled down the 330 million deities of Hinduism, and set up its own tutelary deities, Comfort and his brother Respectability." Some precious points are made by Rabindranath Tagore. Such as: "We find men more and more convinced of the superior claims of Christianity, merely because Christian nations are in possession of the greater part of the world."

That has been a point of discussion in India ever since colonisation began. The "India Gazette" of February 1830 showed how the Pope, sitting in Vatican in Rome, was a virtual ruler of the world. He was in a position to order that, should the natives of newly discovered colonies were ready to embrace Christianity, all would be well. "Otherwise new settlers were authorised to extinguish a whole race totally barbarous and unchristian." Imagine The Pope with the power to kill a whole race in its entirety.

Other "essays" in the collection may not be as provocative but that does not stop them from being stimulating. There is Salim Ali explaining how "the Crow is a born opportunist." There is the inimitable G. V. Desani describing how "I learned in Varanasi to be buried underground for half an hour. It is a trick. The non-breathing condition is achieved by concentrating upon a fixed image. I concentrated on the image of a former girl friend. The guru, in the next pit, was concentrating on 'God', he said."

Desani, famous for All About H. Hatterr and Hali, is described as "a British Indian novelist, poet and social commentator, born in Kenya, reared in India and came of age in Britain." And also as one who "had only basic schooling, no college and never married."

In the 1950s he moved to Bombay, perhaps with plans to make something of his Indian identity. Nothing came of that. Those were my Bombay days and we became close friends. I remember arranging a luncheon meeting for him with a bunch of Bombay celebrities. Govind Desani didn't click in Bombay. He merely got accepted as an erratic genius. He celebrated Varanasi by saying things like: "There are experts living in this city who can guarantee to murder anyone unseen, and within the stipulated period, for so much down payment and the balance on conclusion."

Aubrey Menen is delightful when he describes how his grandmother in Kerala received people formally, "that is to say, with her breasts completely bare. In her view, a wife who dressed herself above her waist could only be aiming at adultery."

Menen put it bluntly when he said: "The simple idea that first led monks to turn their backs on civilisation was Heaven. Heaven was a place much better than Rome."

Mehrotra has included quite a galaxy of irresistibles in his anthology. Mukul Kesavan on The Ugliness of the Indian Male, Dom Moraes on God, M. Krishnan on the Jallikattu, Francis Newton Souza on Nirvana of a Maggot. In all, 440 pages of pure delight. Will Mehrotra come out with another volume?

Material, quite rich, is waiting.

Senior artiste Indira Nayar inaugurates 'Sahaja Ranga' theatre training camp

Senior theatre artiste Indira Nayar, who inaugurated 'Sahaja Ranga', a theatre training camp organised by Nirantara Foundation at Manasagangothri here yesterday, seen with Bengaluru Hasiru Foundation's Honagalli Gangadhar, Mysore University Centre for Gandhian Studies Director Prof. M.S. Shekar and Nirantara Foundation' Director Prasad Kunduru. Picture left shows a section of students taking part in the camp.

Mysuru, Jan.18 (SPN&DM)- Stressing on the need for engaging children in cultural activities at a young age, senior theatre artiste Indira Nayar expressed concern that failure to do so may lead to children resort to cruelty and such other violent acts.

She was speaking at the inauguration of 'Sahaja Ranga', a theatre training camp for college students organised by the city's Nirantara Foundation at Manasagangothri's Gandhi Bhavan here yesterday.

Maintaining that attracting young minds to the theatre will help them in building a constructive and value-based society, Indira Nayar said it is heartening to note that Nirantara Foundation has been organising such theatre training camps for the past 14 years. Asserting that students have to climb the ladder of success in the theatre step by step, she called upon the participants not to take a big leap straightaway. She wished the theatre group all success in its endeavour.

University of Mysore's Centre for Gandhian Studies Director Prof. M.S. Shekar, who spoke after inaugurating the workshop, said that humanity is fast declining in the present day society. Regretting that affection and bonding between people is on the wane, he said that distrust can be seen everywhere in the society in these days.

Maintaining that an unnatural life has led to the creation of an unhealthy society, he bemoaned that people are leading a mechanical life. Stressing on the need for sharing the joys and difficulties among the population, he observed that we should adjust our lives according to nature and environment.

More than 40 college students are taking part in this month-long workshop.

Nirantara Foundation's Prasad Kunduru, Suguna, Deepak and Srinivas, Bengaluru Hasiru Foundation's Honagalli Gangadhar and others were present.

KPA, Mysuru gets Union Home Minister's Trophy

Mysuru, Jan.18- The Karnataka Police Academy (KPA) in Mysuru city has added another feather to its cap by winning the Union Home Minister's Trophy for the Best Police Training Institute in Southern Zone for 2020-21.

KPA has been declared the winner of the Zonal-level category. The Academy won in Gazetted and Non-Gazetted Officers category, while the Indian Reserve Battalion of Thrissur in Kerala won in the others Category.

The awards were divided into winners at National-level CAPRs and CPOs, National-level States and UTs and winners at Zonal-level.

The national level winner will receive a cash prize of Rs.20 lakh while the Zonal winners will receive Rs. 2 lakh each.

The heads of the winning training Institutions will be awarded the Union Home Minister's disc.

State should press Centre for Mekedatu project approval

Interaction on 'Mekedatu Balancing Reservoir construction: How far is it beneficial to Mysuru region'

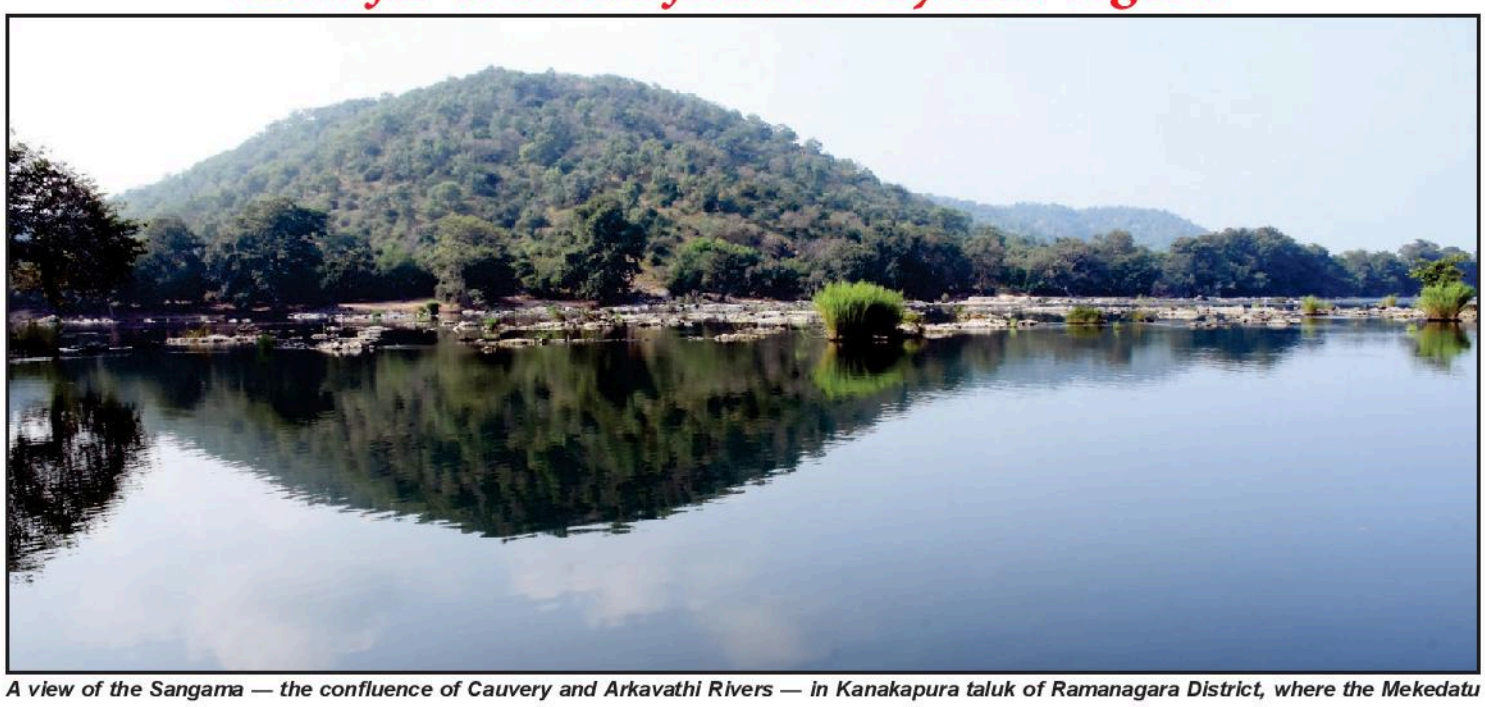
Mysuru, Jan.18 (RKB&DM)-Maintaining that the Mekedatu project is beneficial to both Karnataka and Tamil Nadu, M. Lakshmana, Chairman of Karnataka State Centre of The Institution of Engineers, said that the there is no point in Tamil Nadu's objection to the project and the Union Government should give all necessary clearances without wasting any further.

He was speaking at an Interaction programme on 'Mekedatu Balancing Reservoir construction-How far is it beneficial to Mysuru region,' organised by The Institution of Engineers, Karnataka State Centre, at Ideal Jawa Rotary School on JLB Road here this morning.

Lakshmana presented a power-point presentation featuring details of the project and how it benefits Mysuru region and Tamil Nadu and other riparian States as well.

Maintaining that the Supreme Court in its order on Feb.16, 2018, clearly said that all the four riparian States can share 740 TMC of water and that every State has the right to store water that flows in their respective State, Lakshmana said that according to the water sharing formula, Tamil Nadu would get 404.25 TMC, Karnataka-284.75 TMC, Kerala-30 TMC and Pondicherry-7 TMC.

Pointing out that the Mekedatu Reservoir across Cauvery River which is planned to build at a distance of 5 km away from the point where Hanur and Kanakapura taluks meet, Lakshmana said that the project, which was first conceived when S. Nijalingappa was the Chief Minister, has been lingering for decades since then.



A view of the Sangama — the confluence of Cauvery and Arkavathi Rivers — in Kanakapura taluk of Ramanagara District, where the Mekedatu Project is proposed. [Pic. by M.N. Lakshminarayana Yadav]

Contending that the Siddharamaiah-led Congress Government first submitted the DPR (Detailed Project Report) to the Centre in 2017, when the project was estimated to cost Rs. 5,192 crore, he said that the Mekedatu Reservoir would be biggest one in terms of Cauvery water storage as it can store 67.14 TMC of water, which can cater to the drinking water needs of Bengaluru city and a few other districts of Old Mysuru region. The Centre then upon receiving the DPR, had returned it back seeking certain clarifications. Subsequently, the JD(S)-Congress coalition Government submitted a revised DPR of Rs. 9,000 crore on Jan.18, 2019 and since then, the Centre has remained silent on granting approval for the project. Claiming that the Centre had withheld the sanction due to the pressure of the previous AIADMK Government in Tamil Nadu, Lakshmana said that the Centre should ensure that the CWC (Central Water Commission) gives all clearance for the execution of this ambitious drinking water project of Karnataka.

Rolling out the technical specifications and other statistics related to the project, Lakshmana argued that the State Government nor the Centre need not wait for Tamil Nadu's permission for the execution of the project.

Highlighting the huge benefits of Mekedatu Reservoir for Karnataka, Lakshmana said that the reservoir can alone hold 67.14 TMC of water, while the collective storage capacity of the rest of the four dams of Cauvery River — KRS, Hemavathi, Harangi and Kabini — is 115 TMC, with KRS accounting for 49 TMC. He further said that 400 MW of power can be locally generated from the project, which can be used for industrial needs of the region.

On environmental impact of the project, Lakshmana said that it has been estimated that a total of 5,086 acres, including 4,716 acres of forest land, 280 acres of Revenue land and 90 acres of private land, would submerge, he said that the Forest Department has been given alternate places in Uttara Kannada and Shivamogga districts for making up the loss of forest cover. Asserting that the Mekedatu forest is not a dense one and also there is not much wild life left in it, Lakshmana held that the project will have little impact on environment.

Accusing the State Government of doing little for the execution of the project, he said that the State should step up pressure on the Centre, CWC and the Union Environment Ministry for giving all necessary clearances. The Centre should dismiss any objections by Tamil Nadu and go ahead for granting approval to Karnataka for the execution of the project, he added.

Replying to a question on activist Medha Patkar's opposition to the project, Lakshmana dismissed Medha's stand and said that the Congress will take Medha to the project site and explain her about the benefits of the project for Karnataka and Tamil Nadu.

The Institution of Engineers Hon. Secretary Dr. Enti Ranga Reddy, MCCI President A.S. Satish, farmer leader Hoskote Basavaraj, City Congress President R. Murthy and others were present.

Weekend curfew to be scrapped?

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In other States, asymptomatic contacts of infected individuals, except the elderly and those having comorbidities, are not being tested according to the latest advisory by Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR). Even hospitals have relaxed the testing rules of asymptomatic patients undergoing surgical procedures in many States. Sources said that the Karnataka Government too will follow the same system.

Yesterday, the CM chaired a meeting with some of his Cabinet colleagues, members of the Technical Advisory Committee, health and senior officials and decided that the Friday's meeting will take a call on continuation or relaxation of weekend curfew.

Revenue Minister R. Ashoka said after the meeting, "The experts are of the opinion that the COVID cases may reach the peak on Jan. 25, after which it will gradually decrease. They were also of the view that the State should reduce testing from over two lakh a day to about 1.5 lakh as it does not help much."

"Even the health experts have pointed out that numerous studies and even Government's announcements have indicated that the patients in the current Omicron-dominated wave of the virus are far less likely to have severe disease and hospitalisation than patients during the Delta-dominated wave. There is a need therefore to have a re-look at the latest round of restrictions/curfews," he added.

Owners of hotels, tourism and other industries and trade have opposed the weekend lockdown since they have been incurring huge financial losses. They have demanded immediate removal of weekend curfew. The hospitality industry has been demanding the Government to lift the weekend curfew to give them some breathing space since it survives mainly due to the business during weekends. The industry has been demanding longer operating hours from the existing 10 pm to 11.30 pm on all days as it will reduce overcrowding and the restaurants, bars, pubs and microbreweries can take bookings for patrons in slots at the existing 50 percent seating capacity rules.

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Candidate will bring original certificates/degree, photocopy of testimonials, experience, as applicable and two Passport size photographs at the time of interview.

MLA inaugurates vegetable market at Nanjangud

Nanjangud, Jan. 18- Nanjangud MLA B. Harshavardhan inaugurated the Rs.1.4 crore new vegetable market in the town's APMC Market premises on Monday.

Speaking on the occasion, Harshavardhan said that the market will help in farmers getting a good price for their produce. Stressing on the need for installing cold storage units in APMC markets, the MLA said that the *Raja Kaluve* than passes in the middle of the market was closed and had resulted in stagnation of polluted water near the school.

Noting that the *Raja Kaluve* should be constructed, Harshavardhan assured of funds for the same. Maintaining that the APMC earlier was a cesspool of irregularities, he said that the new vegetable market should be utilised only for the purpose that it is meant for.

APMC President Mudduma-dashetty, Vice-President Mahadeva, CMC President H.S. Mahadevaswamy, Vice-President Nagamani and others were present.

Encroachment of bullock-cart path cleared in Kesare

Mysuru, Jan.18- In an early morning operation on Monday, the taluk administration cleared the encroachment of a bullock-cart path that ran in the middle of an agricultural field at Kesare village in the taluk.

Following a complaint, the officials cleared the bullock-cart path encroachment (measuring 20'x50') coming under Kesare Survey Nos. 522, 521, 605, 606 and 607 of Kasaba Hobli in the taluk.

Tahsildar K.R. Rakshith, Kasaba Revenue Inspector Raghavendra, Siddalingapura Village Accountant Arjun Rai, Surveyor Venkatesh and others took part.

Suspected rape and murder: Woman's body found in agricultural field

Nanjangud, Jan. 18 (KS)- A body of a married woman, suspected to have been raped and murdered, was found in the agricultural field near Masage village canal in the taluk on Monday.

The deceased woman's mother, suspecting that her daughter was raped and murdered, has lodged a complaint at Nanjangud Rural Police Station.

In her complaint, the deceased woman's mother has stated that her daughter went out of the house on Sunday night and her body was found on Monday. She has further stated that miscreants had raped and murdered her daughter.

Nanjangud Rural Inspector Shivananjashetty said that mahazar was conducted and the dog squad and fingerprint experts were pressed into service. A case has been registered and investigation is on.

Farmer dies after falling into canal

Srirangapatna, Jan. 18 (Vinay Karekura&KS)- A farmer, who had been to the mini canal of CDS Canal to water his crops, was drowned after he slipped and fell into the canal at K. Shettahalli on Sunday afternoon.

The deceased is Shivanna (55) of K. Shettahalli. As Shivanna did not return home even in the evening, his family members and relatives went near his agricultural field only to find him drowned in the canal.

He leaves behind his wife and one daughter. Last rites were performed at K. Shettahalli on Monday.

Obituary

Machangada Meena

Mysuru, Jan. 18 - Machangada Meena (Katimada), retired teacher, wife of late Somaiah and a resident of Kottageri village, Balele in Kodagu, passed away in the wee hours of today at her son's residence in Srirampura 2nd Stage in city. She was 76.

She leaves behind sons Praveen, Naveen and Jeevan and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were performed at the foot of Chamundi Hill this afternoon, according to family sources.

T.K. Chandramouli

T.K. Chandramouli (85), a resident of J.P. Nagar, passed away on Monday morning at his residence in city.

A native of Talakad, he leaves behind his wife, two daughters and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were performed at the foot of Chamundi Hill this evening, according to family sources.

Mir Mushthaq Ali

Mir Mushthaq Ali alias Iqbal, retired KSRTC employee and a resident of Mandi Mohalla, passed away yesterday in city. He was 93.

He leaves behind his wife, three sons, one daughter and a host of relatives and friends.

Namaz-e-Janaza was held at Jaffariya Masjid on Akbar Road today (4.30 pm), followed by the burial at the Muslim Burial Grounds near Tipu Circle, according to family sources.

Abdul Shacoor

Abdul Shacoor (60), a tailor, former Vice-President of DCC Minority Department and a resident of 1st Cross, 2nd Eidgah, passed away yesterday morning in city.

He leaves behind his wife, three brothers including ex-Vice-President of DCC Minority Department Abdul Gafoor Azad, four sisters including Tajunnisa, member of Mysuru City Congress Committee and a host of relatives and friends.

Namaz-e-Janaza was held yesterday evening after Isha Salath at Masjid-e-Eidgah on Mission Hospital Road, followed by the burial at the Muslim Burial Grounds, near Tipu Circle, according to family sources.

M.K. Subbaiah

M.K. Subbaiah (70), retired High School teacher and a resident of Jettihundi Gate, passed away yesterday at his residence.

He leaves behind his wife, one son, two daughters and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were performed at Jodi Tenginamara Burial Grounds in Bannimantap yesterday afternoon.

Jayamma

Jayamma (84), a resident of Ramakrishnanagar 'I' Block, passed away on Jan. 15 in city.

She leaves behind her husband Tulasiramu, two sons, one daughter and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were performed at K.G. Koppal Burial Grounds on Jan. 16, according to family sources.

Sannamma

Bharathinagar: Sannamma (88), wife of Hanumegowda (Chikkanathegowda) and a resident of Karadakere village near here, passed away yesterday.

She leaves behind sons Dr. Ramalingaiah, former Gram Panchayat President K.H. Mariswamy and former Zilla Panchayat member Hanumanthegowda, seven daughters and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were performed at the family's farm land at Karadakere village, according to family sources.

Unidentified man dies at hospital

Mysuru, Jan. 18 (KS)- An unidentified man, who was found lying sick near the bridge at Mudikatte, next to Kapila River in Nanjangud on Dec. 31 and admitted to K.R. Hospital, has passed away in the hospital on Jan. 14 morning.

The deceased is aged about 70 years, 5.5 ft. tall, normal built, oily red complexioned and was wearing a faded white coloured full arm shirt and brown sweater.

Nanjangud Town Police, who have registered a case, have shifted the body to MMC&RI mortuary and have asked the kith and kin of the deceased, if any, to contact Nanjangud Town Police Station on Ph: 08221-228383 or call the District Police Control Room on Ph: 0821-2444800, according to a press release.

Driving vehicle sans licence is an offence: Judge tells students

Senior Civil Judge Devaraj Bhute addressing the students of Seshadripuram Degree College on Hebbal Ring Road yesterday.

Mysuru, Jan.18- Expressing concern over college students riding two-wheelers without any licence, Senior Civil Judge Devaraj Bhute, who is also the District Legal Services Authority (DLSA) Member-Secretary said it is an offence that attracts penalty.

He was speaking after inaugurating an orientation programme on Legal Education organised jointly by Karnataka Legal Services Authority, NSS Unit of University of Mysore, Information Department and Nehru Yuva Kendra as part of 75th year of Indian independence and to commemorate the 160th birth anniversary of Swami Vivekananda at Seshadripuram Degree College on Hebbal Ring road here yesterday.

Pointing out that everyone who wants to ride or drive a vehicle must possess a valid Driving Licence (DL) as per the provisions of Indian Motor Vehicles Act, Bhute said that it is also important that the vehicles have a valid insurance cover.

Stressing that students had to adapt to the laws of the land, the Judge said the RC owners of vehicles will be held responsible if any accident takes place in the absence of valid DL and Insurance.

Cautioning that the vehicle owners have to cough up the compensation amount to victims of accidents in case the vehicle does not have an insurance cover at the time of accident, Bhute stressed on the need for everyone to behave in a responsible manner.

DLSA Panel advocate G.S. Shivaswamy, College Principal Prof. K. Sowmya Erappa, faculty Dr. C.P. Lavanya and others were present.

BVB students donate Rs. 3.25 lakh for their teacher's surgery

BVB Chairman K.B. Ganapathy handing over the donations to Darshan, husband of teacher Mallika as (from left) teachers Nagamani and Krishnappa, BVB Hon. Secretary P.S. Ganapathy and In-charge Principal Prapulla look on.

Mysuru, Jan. 18- In a noble gesture, the students of Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan (BVB), Vijayanagar, Mysuru, have donated Rs. 3,25,000 to BVB Art teacher Mallika Darshan, who has undergone kidney and pancreas surgeries at a private hospital in city recently, according to a press release from BVB.

The press note further said that the teachers and staff of BVB also contributed their one day's salary towards this noble cause.

The patient is now slowly recovering after being discharged from the hospital. The donor of kidneys and pancreas was a 19-year-old boy from Malavalli, who died in an accident.

MLA launches *Sanghatana Maasa*

Mysuru, Jan. 18 (RKB & DM)- The month-long *Sanghatana Maasa* organised across K.R. Assembly segment under the leadership of MLA S.A. Ramdas began here yesterday.

The initiative is aimed at reaching out the State and Central Government schemes, programmes, projects, etc., to every household in K.R. segment, through distribution of pamphlets and other means.

Ramdas said the programme aims to take BJP's organisation to grassroot level and develop leadership qualities among party cadres.

Pointing out that the month-long event will involve members of the public, he said that each member of the Page Committee will visit households across K.R. segment which has 19 MCC Wards. The Page Committees, formed based on electoral rolls, will take active part in the party's organisational set-up, he said.

Thanking Prime Minister Narendra Modi for sanctioning over 18 lakh houses under various Government schemes, Ramdas said he would appeal the Housing Minister to step up construction of houses in K.R. Assembly segment. The *Sanghatana Maasa* will conclude on Feb. 16.

Ramdas held a preparatory meeting at the party office in Vidyaranyapuram on Sunday to discuss strategies to make K.R. Assembly a model one in terms of organisational set up.

Mayor Sunanda Palanetra, Corporators Shivakumar, Chayadevi, B.V. Manjunath, Shantamma Vadivelu, Sowmya Umesh, Champaka, Geethashri, M.V. Ramprasad and Dr. Roopa, K.R. BJP leaders M. Vadivelu, M.R. Balakrishna, Devarajegowda, Santosh, Shambu, Nagendra Kumar, Noor Fathima, Vidya Urs and others were present.

MLC inaugurates Fever Clinic at Hunsur

Hunsur, Jan. 18 (KK&DM)- MLC A.H. Vishwanath said that he has given Rs.1.32 crore for the fields of education and health in Hunsur, out of his MLC Local Area Development Fund.

He was speaking after inaugurating a Fever Clinic and flagging off a hi-tech ambulance at the town's General Hospital premises here on Monday.

Pointing out that the Fever Clinic has been set up at a cost of Rs.12 lakh and the ambulance costs Rs.30 lakh, Vishwanath said he has given more prominence to health and education sectors as these two are key sectors for development.

Maintaining that the Government is taking all measures for checking the spread of the virus, he assured that he was willing to provide Rs.10 lakh out of his grant if the taluk faced any shortage of medicines.

MLA H.P. Manjunath regretted that the Health Department has not come forward for taking over the new building built at a cost of Rs.22 lakh, an Oxygen centre and the building constructed by ITC. Urging the Health Department to take them over at the earliest, Manjunath said that the taluk has achieved 92 percent vaccine coverage.

DHO Dr. K.H. Prasad, THO Dr. Keertikumar, General Hospital Administrative Officer Dr. Sarveshraj Urs, CMC President Sourabha, BJP leader Nagannagowda, HUDA Chairman Ganesh Kumaraswamy, Tahsildar Dr. Ashok and others were present.

MMC&RI Teachers Assn. gets new team

Mysuru, Jan. 18- The following were unanimously elected as the new office-bearers of Mysore Medical College & Research Institute (MMC&RI) Teachers Association, Mysuru, for the year 2021-2022:

President: Dr. B.N. Anandaravi; Hon. Secretary: Dr. N. Sreenivas; Treasurer: Dr. K.H. Hemanth Kumar; Immediate Past President: Dr. Shobha; Vice-Presidents: Dr. P.L. Basavanna & Dr. M.M. Sumanth; Joint Secretary: Dr. Rajapur Parashuram; Executive Committee Members: Dr. B. Amrutha Kumari, Dr. H. Bangaru, Dr. R. Dayananda, Dr. H.A. Krishna Murthy, Dr. H.G. Manjunath, Dr. A. Manjula, Dr. R.D. Manjunath, Dr. P.S. Praveen Kumar, Dr. C.N. Pradeep Kumar, Dr. R. Raghavendra, Dr. S. Rajesh Kumar Jain, Dr. C. Subhash, Dr. B.H. Srinivasa, Dr. Shubha Jayaram and Dr. N. Sunanda; Ex-Officio Members are: Dr. H.B. Shashidhar and Dr. Narendra Kumar.

Awareness programme on Jan. 20

Mysuru, Jan. 18- The D. Devaraj Urs Backward Classes Welfare Department will be conducting an awareness programme on the departmental facilities and benefits at Nomadic Tribes Colony at Haragapura in Nanjangud taluk at 10 am on Jan. 20, according to a press release.

WORD OF THE DAY

Stir-crazy

Pronunciation: STER-KRAY-zee.
Meaning: Stir-crazy means "distraught because of prolonged confinement."
Origin: Stir-crazy originated as a word to describe a prisoner who became distraught after prolonged confinement. Stir is a 19th-century slang word for "prison" that some word historians have suspected to be from Romani stariben, of the same meaning. But a convincing argument of that origin has yet been made. Today, stir-crazy describes any person who has become restless, agitated, or anxious from being or feeling entrapped in some place.
Example: "Trying to decide what to do with stir-crazy Vermont kids in winter? Maybe they are home from school on break ... and want easy, indoor winter fun. There are a variety of places and attractions that will let your child's creativity, imagination and energy soar, away from the confines of their regular space." — April Barton

THE ODD WORD

Salsipotent

Salsipotent

PHRASE OF THE DAY

Start from scratch

Meaning: You use the term 'Start from Scratch' to indicate that you're beginning from the very start without previous preparation or advantage.
Origin: The term 'start from scratch' comes from the game of cricket, where strikers are admonished to keep their bats on the scratch line. The term was first seen in 1778.
Example: "We don't have a lot of money so we're going to have to start from scratch."

QUOTE BOX

A timid mind is apt to mistake every scratch for a mortal wound.

— George Gordon Byron

RIDDLE THIS

Solve the rebus:

JOBINJOB

Answer: In between jobs.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:

1 A long way off
5 ___ up : make oneself stiffly erect
9 Acorn bearer
12 Red Indian - "I hop" anagram?
13 "Othello" villain
14 May in France
15 Seed appendage
16 Barristers' suite-cum-office
18 Incorrect
20 Sea-eagles
21 Artist's cap
22 One as a prefix
23 Fifty two in Roman numerals
24 A port in West Algeria
27 Flying pest
31 Native or inhabitant as a suffix
32 From side to side
34 A wood sorrel, Oxalis tuberosa, of the Andes
35 Surreptitious call for another's attention
37 A swift Malay sailing boat
38 Motor vehicle
39 Top card?
41 Requirements
43 Birthplace of Mohammed
46 Set Fire to the Rain singer
47 Tidy smokers use these? (3-5)
50 Hoar-frost
52 Fr. holy title
53 Surmounting
54 Egyptian goddess
55 Frequency unit
56 In this way
57 Coup d' __ : change of power by non-democratic means?

DOWN

1 Puzzle solver's cry
2 Gives up
3 Places where bees are kept or cultivated
4 Lunar valley
5 Gaming cubes
6 Cheer
7 Turkish military leader
8 Ladies
9 Prophetic sign
10 Swiss river - change of "area"?
11 Caress with the lips
17 Ship's prison
19 Put away
21 Radar signal
22 Biblical word
25 Fully developed
26 Amer. Depository Rcpt.
28 Author
29 World of scholars
30 Converts to leather
33 Clock pointer
36 Diplomat's specialty
40 Gold measure
42 Spooky, macabre
43 Cover for all or part of face?
44 Bible book abbr.
45 At the home of, in French
46 Nile snakes?
48 Greek capital to Air India
49 Second person pronoun?
51 Superlative suffix

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

L	O	A	M	■	O	R	N	O	■	M	B	A
E	M	M	A	■	R	E	I	S	S	U	E	D
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C	A	M	E	L	■	F	O	R	■	R	I	O
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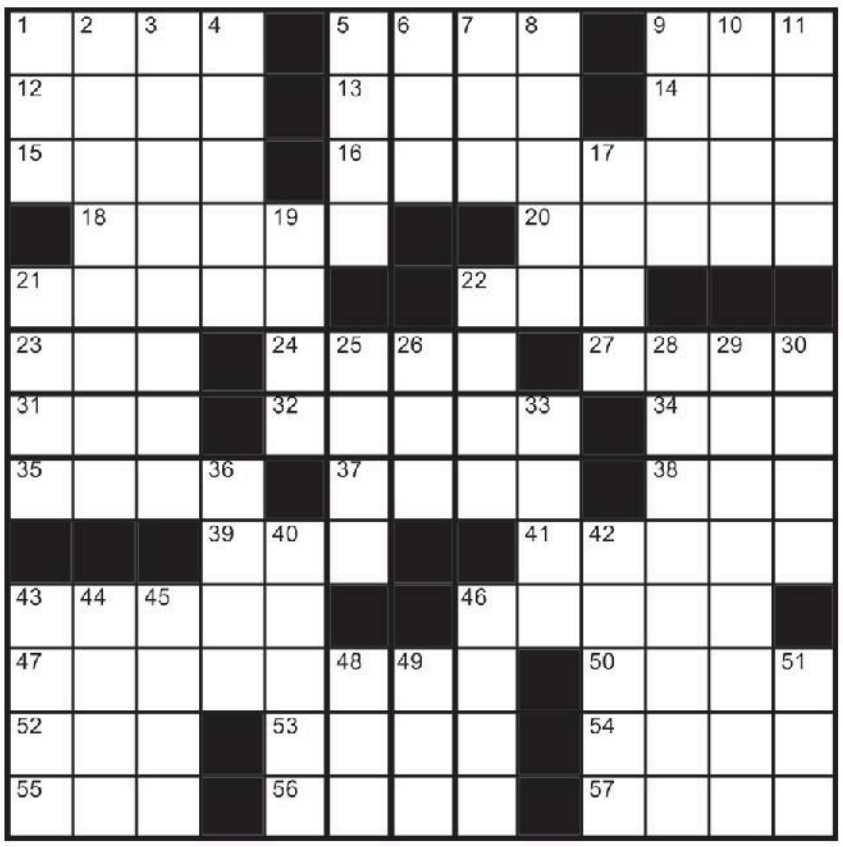

SUDOKU

1								5
	9	5				4	8	
			7		4			
5			1		9			7
	4	8				5	9	
9			5		2			6
			2		6			
	1	2				3	5	
4								8

Answer to previous puzzle

2	3	7	4	6	9	8	5	1
9	4	8	3	1	5	2	6	7
6	5	1	8	2	7	4	3	9
8	9	4	7	3	6	5	1	2
5	1	6	2	8	4	7	9	3
7	2	3	9	5	1	6	4	8
3	7	5	6	9	8	1	2	4
1	8	2	5	4	3	9	7	6
4	6	9	1	7	2	3	8	5

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

HDGWZ FP GOW BQPG VWRSWXGWM VTGZFWVG FV

UQTZ MFWG NTG QVW QJ GOW BQPG CFGDS.

TODAY'S CLUE: G EQUALS T

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: Nothing happens to any thing which that thing is not made by nature to bear.

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Bangarraju (Te)	(S-1)	10.05 am, 4.00 pm, 7.00 pm
Spiderman - No Way Home (3D-E)	(S-1)	1.05 pm
Badava Rascal (K)	(S-2)	10.45 am, 1.25 pm, 4.10 pm
	(S-3)	7.00 pm
83 (H)	(S-2)	6.55 pm
	(S-3)	4.00 pm
The King's Man (E)	(S-3)	10.40 am, 1.20 pm
	(S-4)	7.10 pm
Hero (Te)	(S-4)	4.15 pm

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Rowdy Boys (Te)	:	11.15 am, 6.00 pm
83 (H)	:	11.25 am
The King's Man (E)	:	11.35 am, 6.10 pm
Hero - 2022 (Te)	:	2.25 pm
Spider-Man: No Way Home (E)	:	2.45 pm
Badava Rascal (K)	:	3.00 pm
Pushpa: The Rise - Part 1 (Te)	:	5.30 pm

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Pushpa: The Rise - Part 1 (H)	:	11.35 am
The King's Man (E)	:	12.30 pm, 6.30 pm
Badava Rascal (K)	:	12.35 pm, 3.25 pm, 6.15 pm
Enna Solla Pogirai (Ta)	:	12.45 pm
83 (H)	:	3.05 pm
Rowdy Boys (Te)	:	3.25 pm, 6.35 pm
Hero - 2022 (Te)	:	3.40 pm
Spider-Man: No Way Home (E)	:	6.35 pm

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Badava Rascal (K)	:	11.30 am, 1.05 pm, 4 pm, 6.55 pm
The King's Man (E)	:	11.45 am, 3.55 pm, 6.50 pm
Bangarraju (Te)	:	12.35 pm, 2.40 pm, 6.00 pm
Pushpa: The Rise - Part 1 (K)	:	2.25 pm
Rowdy Boys (Te)	:	6.25 pm

MYSURU VISION CINEMAS — Ph: 0821 - 2973519

Bangarraju - Soggadu Malli Vachadu (Te)	:	3.00 pm
		4.45 pm
		6.45 pm

NOTE: Movie timings published here are subject to sudden change by the theatre managements. The films are also liable to be changed in multiplexes if there are no minimum audience of 15 to the film announced here.

Vid. Hemmige Prashanth and team
enthral music lovers at Heritage Music Fest

Vidwan Hemmige Prashanth presenting a vocal concert at 8th Cross, V. V. Mohalla, last evening (Jan. 17) as part of the 60th Heritage Music Festival organised by Sri Prasanna Vidya Ganapathi Mandali Charitable (SPVGMC) Trust. He is accompanied by Vid. Keshav Mohan on violin, Vid. Ravishankar on mridanga, Vid. Sharath Kaushik on ghata and Vid. Jagannath Rao on tambura. Today (Jan. 18) at 6.15 pm, Vidu. Anupama Bhagavat will present a sitar recital accompanied by Pandit Ravindra Yavagal on tabla. *[Only those who have taken two doses of COVID vaccine can attend the event]*

MYSORE WINTER RACES 2022

(By Our Racing Correspondent)

HIOCTANE Vs FLASH BOND
for M. Govindappa Memorial Trophy

Mysuru, Jan. 18- Following are the selections for the 14th Day of Mysore Winter Races to be held here tomorrow (Wednesday - Jan. 19, 2022):

1. 1.30 PM THE CAUVERY PLATE
1200 mts. - rated 00 to 25 (No Whip)
1. CIVITAVECCHIA 2. TIME ALWAYS

2. 2.00 PM THE VALAROSO PLATE
1200 mts. - rated 20 to 45
1. GOLD CREST 2. SCARLET PRINCESS

3. 2.30 PM THE LAVASA PLATE - DIV. II
1100 mts. - rated 20 to 45
1. COUNTRY'S DELIGHT 2. LUCKY ONE

4. 3.00 PM THE PUNE PLATE
1400 mts. - rated 40 to 65
1. ROYAL DESIGN 2. D DARLING

5. 3.30 PM THE SOMANATHPUR PLATE
1400 mts. - rated 20 to 45
1. SAND DUNE 2. OCHRE

6. 4.00 PM THE M. GOVINDAPPA MEMORIAL TROPHY
1800 mts. - rated 40 to 65
1. HIOCTANE 2. FLASH BOND

7. 4.30 PM THE INDUS PLATE
1200 mts. - rated 60 and above
1. CRIMSON FIRE 2. GOLD FIELD

8. 5.00 PM THE LAVASA PLATE - DIV. I
1100 mts. - rated 20 to 45
1. LEOPARD 2. MIRACULOUS GIRL

DAY'S BEST: *LEOPARD*
DOUBLE: *1. CIVITAVECCHIA 2. COUNTRY'S DELIGHT*
JACKPOT: *4, 5, 6, 7, 8*
I TREBLE: *1, 2, 3* ***II TREBLE:*** *3, 4, 5* ***III TREBLE:*** *6, 7, 8*
EXACTAS: *7, 8*

—Tipster PGC

PRO KABADDI

Today's Matches (JAN. 18)

Dabang Delhi Vs Patna Pirates 7.30 pm

Gujarat Giants Vs U Mumba 8.30 pm

Tomorrow's Matches (JAN. 19)

Haryana Steelers Vs Puneri Paltan 7.30 pm

Pink Panthers Vs Telugu Titans 8.30 pm

Yesterday's Results

Puneri Paltan 40
Lose to
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Telugu Titans 27
Lose to
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Date: 18.01.2022

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Dr. M. Jagannatha Shenoi President

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